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**CHECK FORGER SENTENCED TO OVER TWO YEARS IN PRISON**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that ALLEN DWAYNE REESE, 38, of Sacramento, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell to serve 27 months in prison and pay \$167,302.32 in restitution to the victims of his fraud. On February 8, 2007, the defendant pleaded guilty to passing fictitious checks.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the United States Secret Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew D. Segal, who prosecuted the case, the defendant passed to retail vendors, mostly consumer electronics stores in San Joaquin County and elsewhere, approximately 410 fictitious checks totaling \$167,302.32. The United States Secret Service matched the checks to the defendant through his driver's license number, fingerprints, and certain other identifying characteristics.

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